

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 17, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We have a special guest, Jody Golden, the new Director of OCRA.
2. The Chamber dinner went well. Several notes of appreciation have been received from Mr. Durbin.
3. On October 10th – 12th Sheehan and I were presenters at the AIM conference. The topic was turning negative situations into positives. We discussed Riverside Park.
4. Yesterday we had a meeting and discussed LPA projects. They have a sidewalk component. We also discussed the 2018 Community Crossings application.
5. As a part of Stellar we will have the art charrette tomorrow.
6. Tomorrow we will have a ribbon cutting for the final phase of the long term control plan.
7. On the 19th we will have a Stellar Core meeting and we will also travel to Greensburg to discuss Highway 3.
8. October 23-27 is fall break.
9. October 26 we will meet with Indot for their quarterly review.
10. On the 27th we will meet on the Community Crossings culvert project on Spencer Street.
11. October 31st is the Halloween parade.
12. November 1st we will have the re-dedication of Community Park to the Carol Jenkins Davis Park.
13. On November 2nd we will travel to Martinsville for their program honoring Carol Jenkins Davis.
14. Heard back from Duke regarding the prices. They did include power. We have not heard back from Custer Electric.

15. Received a letter from Joe Peacock regarding the housing. He is requesting a conference call with Russell Brown to discuss the retention pond and the road.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley asked Council to consider Transfer Resolution 2017-33 for the Police Department. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-33. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges introduced Bob Hadley from the High School and Officer Caitlin Smith, along with 5 SADD students. Mayor Pavey signed a proclamation declaring this "red ribbon week". Bridges said he is very proud to have these kids representing Rushville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Jody Golden
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Had a "Rush to Grow" meeting last night.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing
- **City Center** – We had a meeting today with PSI on the City Center. We have a preliminary set of drawings, schedule, and estimates. Everything is on track.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Notes from the public hearing were delivered yesterday. They will be turned in to be certified.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the Board of Works accepted Officer Wombolt's resignation. He said he will start the process to hire a communication officer due to Chris Reynolds informing him that he is taking a job with the Excise Police.

Tucker said they have interviewed 6 applicants for the patrolman position and have narrowed that down to 4.

The renovations in the building continue.

The insurance company has agreed to pay \$14,477.00 towards the police car that was wrecked. They will pay the equipment at 100%.

Tucker said he is very close to making a move on the purchase of the body cameras. He went before the Community Foundation, and is waiting to hear back from them. So far they have raised \$28,500.00. He is expecting to finance somewhere between \$60,000.00-\$65,000.00. The Clerk-Treasurer is checking on financing.

Street – Street Commissioner Miller said they filled 35 dumpsters during heavy trash at a cost of \$13,330.00. In the spring we used 14 dumpsters at a cost of \$4,900.00.

The Board of Works approved the transfer of Mike Heuer from the Park to the Street department. Rains will be retiring February 28. Heuer has begun the process of obtaining his CDL and will be able to be trained before Rains retires.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

Jody Golden Director of OCRA – Golden said this is a way to celebrate what we are doing in Rushville. Their goal is to provide technical resources and help in shaping our vision. Golden commended Council for having the foresight to move forward with many projects. She said Rushville has set the bar very high. She thanked Rushville for being a Stellar community. Councilman Smith thanked OCRA for being a great partner. He said we would like to help OCRA if we can. Councilman Berkemeier said it is good to hear we are doing well from someone from the outside.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance Review or Creation** – These two items are still being reviewed.
 - a. **Sidewalk Removal**
 - b. **Metal Detectors, Gun Sales – Items that are deemed offensive of objectionable** –
2. **Construction Noise Control Codes** – Newhouse sent out a draft. Berkemeier said we have more work to do on the ordinance. Smith asked if there would be an exception on the hours if needed. He said the Mayor could have the approval to grant a change in hours due to specific circumstances. It was agreed that wording could be added for exceptions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Rush County United Fund – Mary Ann Beard** – Executive Director, Mary Ann Beard informed Council that the United Fund is alive and active and are helping many people in Rush County. She said October is United Fund month and thanked the City for placing the flags on the poles downtown. Beard spoke of several fund raisers that they have been a part of. She gave Council a list of 9 agencies that they serve. All money collected stays in Rush County.

Beard asked permission to talk to each department regarding payroll deductions. She said the donations are tax deductible. Bridges moved to allow Beard to visit each

department to discuss contributions with the employees. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **City Utilities Proposed 2018 Budget** – Les Day said he sent out a copy of the Utility budges last Friday for Council to review. He briefly explained the changes in the budget. Bridges made a motion to approve the Utility 2018 budget as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND MONTHLY BANK RECONCILEMENT - Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and September bank reconciliation as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.